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To the Right Honourable,

WILLIAM LENTHALL Esq;

Speaker of the *Parliament* of the Commonwealth of *England*;

Concerning the Securing of *Windsor* Castle for the *Parliament*

And a *Declaration* of the Officers and Souldiers of the Regiment of Foot belonging to the Tower of *London*, December 24. 1659.

Read in Parliament, December the 28. 1659.

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A Letter, ſent to the Right Honourable *William Lenthal*, Eſq, Speaker of the Parliament of the Common-Wealth of *England*; Concerning the ſecuring of *Windſor* Caſtle for the *Parliament*.

Read in Parliament, Decemb. 28.

Right Honourable,

YOur *Commiſsioners for the Command of the Army, having from* Portſmouth *Ordered us to march unto Major* Breman *with ſuch Forces as we could raiſe, for the reſtoring the Parliament whileſt*

whileſt we were at Henley, and had ſent to find out Major Breman that we might adde to his number what we could; upon Intelligence that the Forces with him were marched towards London, we reſolved to march nearer London, in order to a conjunction with him as ſoon as we had particular Notice of the place of his Rendezvouz nearer London: and in our march being informed from undoubted hands, that ſome of Colonel Hewſon's Regiment of Foot were deſigned for Windſor-Caſtle, to keep the ſame againſt the Parliament; and being alſo aſſured, That Colonel Whichcott the preſent Governour, had not onely joyned with thoſe that put the late Treacherous Force upon your Honour, but alſo had endeavoured to raiſe Forces in this County againſt the Parliament, and offered Commiſſions to that purpoſe unto ſeverall Perſons: And upon further Intelligence, that the Cavaleers had ſome Deſign upon the place, in order to a Conjunction with ſome of their Adherents in London, and knowing their Guards to be very Weak and inſufficient for a place of ſo great Conſequence, we thought it our Duty, in order to the Parliaments Service, to ſecure this Caſtle with the Forces now with us, and did Summon the ſame accordingly: and as we were upon our March thither within two miles of this Place, we received further Orders from the ſaid Commiſſioners, to march with our Forces unto this Place, and to remain here untill further Orders: and looking upon this as an Act of Divine Providence concurring with our Intentions, we immediately ſent two of our number to perſwade Colonel Whichcott to admit our Horſe into this Caſtle; who ſubmitted to our demand; and thereupon we thought neceſſary to draw together the Souldiers under his Command whileſt our Horſe were in the Caſtle, and to inform them of the vileneſſe of their defection from the Parliament, and aſſiſting thoſe that had betrayed the Truſt repoſed in them, and

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that we hoped they had done it through Ignorance, being miſ-led by their Officers; and therefore we preſumed to aſſure all the Souldiers of Indempnity, if they ſhould return to their due Obedience to Your Honours, and their faithfulneſſe to the Cauſe engaged in, and ſhould ſign the Engagement of thoſe Horſe under Major Breman (*which we read unto them*); *and thereupon they unanimouſly declared, That their Hands and Hearts ſhould be unto that* Engagement. *Yet we have thought it our Duty to place Guards in the Caſtle with ſome of the Horſe with us, and to give an Account of what we have done, to your Honour, and to expect the Parliaments Pleaſure therein; we have no more but our moſt humble Congratulation of the Parliaments happy Return to the Exerciſe of their Truſt, and with our hearty Prayers to God to direct your Great Councells, We remain,*

Right Honourable,

Windſor-Caſtle, 27. Decemb. 1659.

Your moſt humble faithful and obedient Servants,

Jo. Butler.
Rob. Huntington,
Joh. Wildman.
John Brown.
John Phelps.

A Declaration of the Officers and Souldiers of the Regiment of Foot belonging to the Tower of London, *Decemb. the* 24. 1659.

WEE bing fully convinced, that it is our Duties to return to our obedience to the Parliament, from whom We have received our Commiſſions, after a late unhappy defection from Them; Doe hereby Declare our Reſolution (through Gods Grace) to be true and faithfull to Them as our Superiours; and to ſtand by Them, with the hazard of our Lives and Fortunes, againſt all oppoſition which may be made againſt Them; and ſhall not ſuffer our Selves to be drawn hereafter from our Duty and obedience to Them. As an Evidence

dence of our reall Intentions, We have this Day delivered up the Poſſeſſion of the Tower, to the Honourable Speaker of Parliament, and other Worthy Perſons on the behalf of the *Parliament*.

Jo. Miller	*Robert Acres*	*Henry Beale*
Nich. Cordy	*Will. Riſſe*	*Nath. London*
John Jennings	*William Starlin.*	*Will. Hankins*
Henry Sharp	*Phil. Brown*	*John Ryves*
Will. Foſter	*Iſaack Dreyme*	*Peter Sene*
Abraham Speoner		*Simon Knight.*

Read in Parliament, Decemb. 28. 1659.

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